

PLANTERS WILL AID IN INVESTIGATION

Officers of Cotton Growers' Association in Washington.

NEW REPORT IS NOT PROBABLE

Henry G. Hester, Secretary of New Orleans Cotton Exchange, Will Also Assist the Department of Justice in Probing Cotton Leakage Report.

Washington, July 17.—Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' association, arrived here today and immediately went into conference with Richard Cheatham, secretary of the same association and Henry G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, who are in the city in connection with the probing charges that the government statistics have been juggled for the benefit of stock brokers.

The cotton men met at the rooms of Colonel Hester at the Ebbitt house. of the business under consideration. None of them would state the character of the business under consideration beyond saying that the officials of the two organizations in every way possible will assist in the investigation of the charges which is being conducted by the department of justice.

Mr. Jordan denied that he had been in New York with a view to going to Oyster Bay to lay the matter before the president, and he would not say that he had an appointment to see the president at any time. Thus far there has been no determination by Chief Statistician Hyde to order the new cotton acreage report which Colonel Hester requested the department to make. The last report was prepared from figures made on May 25. It is believed that the government agents included in their figures estimates of the cotton acreage that was likely to be planted after May 25. If correspondence develops that this was not done, then a new estimate will be made.

The government statisticians are now gathering data for an estimate of the tobacco crop, but it has not been decided what form it will be issued.

FOUR KILLED; SEVEN INJURED.

Head on Collision Between Freight Trains Results Fatally.

Mt. Vernon, Ind., July 17.—In a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Louisville and Nashville railroad near Upton today four persons were killed and seven injured, one fatally. The dead:

John Spradley, Evansville, Ind.; Leonard Price, Nicholasville, Ky.; Unknown tramp, supposed to have been at Louisville.

G. Crozier, Owensboro, Ky., a brakeman.

Fatally injured: Engineer Lawrence Michael, Evansville. Seriously injured: Conductor T. E. Choister, Evansville, hurt internally; John Van Cleave, Charles Ballard, of Carmi, Ill.

Brakeman J. M. Deweesee, Engineer James Joyce and Fireman Dunning, all of Evansville, were less seriously injured.

All of the injured were taken to Evansville.

A train dispatcher, it is said, mistook the number of the trains and after they had started realized his error and telephoned to the telephone operator at Upton who hastily summoned a number of persons from their bed to flag the trains, but the collision occurred before those awakened could reach the tracks.

"WASHER" GETS SIX MONTHS.

Attempts a Street Flirtation and Gets a Term in Prison.

New York, July 17.—A six months' sentence to prison for a passing street flirtation with a married woman was imposed on Benjamin F. Smith, who came here from St. Louis, by Magistrate Steinert today.

Late last evening Mrs. Grace M. Gamble, who is handsome and dresses stylishly, was waiting for her husband, a Brooklyn business man, at Madison avenue and Forty-second street subway entrance. Smith was passing and spoke to her. Mrs. Gamble resented this, struck Smith in the face and caused his arrest.

In court today, although Mrs. Gamble herself requested leniency to the prisoner, the magistrate imposed sentence and at the same time invited other women who suffered from "the washers" to act as did Mrs. Gamble.

To Prosecute New York Editor.

New York, July 17.—Three prominent society persons have informed the district attorney's office that if their services are required they will appear as complainants against Charles E. Ahl of the Society Editors' association, who yesterday was held in \$3,000 bail for the grand jury for attempted blackmail lodged against him by Edwin M. Post a member of the New York Stock exchange. This announcement was made today by assistant district attorney Paul Krotel, who has been assigned by District Attorney Jerome to prosecute Ahl on Post's complaint.

FAST TRAIN IS WRECKED.

"Pennsylvania Flyer" Hits Freight Car On Main Line.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 17.—Train No. 28 on the Pennsylvania road known as "The Pennsylvania Flyer," the new 18-hour train between Chicago and New York met with an accident today which, fortunately, did not result seriously.

A westbound freight train nearing Port Royal tried to stop suddenly and the engineer made a too violent application of air, the consequence of which was that a car buckled and was thrown over on Track No. 1, on which the Flyer was speeding east. An attempt was made to flag trains in front and in the rear of the wreck but the break occurred almost simultaneously with the arrival of the flyer and he rained plunged into he wreck.

The momentum threw the wrecked car from the track, but the flyer did not jump the rails. Engineer Calvin Miller, of this city when he saw the obstruction on the track jumped from the engine and was hurt about the head and back. He was the only one injured on the train. Fireman Garman brought the train to a stop. The passengers, all of whom were in their berths, did not know there had been an accident until after the train had been stopped for some time. They were not even shaken up and none of them was injured.

A wreck crew soon cleared the track and fireman Garman brought the train to Harrisburg.

TRIED TO POISON HER RIVAL.

Jealous Girl Sends School Teacher

Strychnine in an Orange.

Owatonna, Minn., July 17.—Wilda Johnson, a young woman, is under arrest charged with having put poison into a well on the farm of John L. Johnson and with having sent an orange containing strychnine to Mrs. Lundstrum, a daughter of Johnson was desperately in love with a young man of the neighborhood. She is said to have become jealous of Mrs. Lundstrum, who is a young widow, and with the idea of getting her out of the way, it is charged, she sent the poisoned orange to the school with a note saying it was "for teacher only."

The orange was laid aside and having failed in this direction, the girl is alleged to have poisoned the Johnson well. Fortunately, no one drank of the water, and the alleged crime was discovered before any disastrous results ensued. The orange was sent to the state chemist and was declared to contain enough strychnine to kill a score of people.

DETAIL ACCOUNT OF FIGHT.

Japanese Tell of Their Invasion of the

Island of Sakhalin.

Washington, July 17.—The Japanese legation her has received a cablegram from Tokyo detailing the action of the Island of Sakhalin, July 10 and 11 in which the Russians were forced to abandon their positions. The cablegram is as follows:

"The Sakhalin army reports that in pursuing the enemy it dislodged him from the neighborhood of Veladimirozka and Blijimeye, 2 miles west of Vladimirozka on the tenth of July and occupied both places. The enemy's main force retreated to fortified positions northwest of Dalineye, where with machine guns, a stubborn resistance was offered. Our army commenced a vigorous attack on the 11th and routed the enemy toward Nakanaka, on the dawn of the 11th. The enemy's loss not obtainable, but probably at least 150."

Schedule of Liabilities and Assets.

Cincinnati, July 17.—The schedules of the failed Holzman brokerage firm were filed in the United States circuit court here today showing total liabilities of \$947,103, assets \$985,586. The latter include Holzman's own estimate of the value of stocks and bonds held by the firm, but the exact value cannot be known until the bonds are put on the market. The assets have been distributed in all sections of the country as security for loans. Ross Holzman, a member of the firm, has been missing since the assignment, which fact has made it difficult for the assignee to account fully for various entries on the affairs of the firm.

Killed Self Over Divorce Case.

New York, July 17.—Louis Apagar, 65 years old, married and a grandfather, killed himself in Jersey City today by shooting as a result of sensational disclosures which terminated yesterday in the granting of a divorce to George M. Meyers against Clara E. Meyers. Apagar was named as the co-respondent. The suit had been on trial 30 days and had attracted wide attention. Apagar was well to do and resided with his wife and lived on one of the best residential streets in Jersey City.

Receiver Appointed in Illinois.

Peoria, July 17.—Through an order published by Judge Otis Humphrey and filed in the United States court in this city, Walter Reeves was appointed a receiver for the Devlin, Ill., properties, to act in conjunction with J. E. Hurley, and Cyrus Leland, who were recently appointed receivers of the Kansas properties. The bond of Mr. Reeves is fixed at \$250,000 and the receivers are authorized to borrow \$50,000.

NEGRO POLICEMAN SHOOTS WHITE GIRL

He Fired Into Mob and Wounds Young Lady.

TROOPS PREVENT A LYNCHING

A Crowd Was Jeering a Nonunion Driver When a Dusky Guardian of the Peace Tried to Disperse Them and Caused a Riot.

Chicago, July 17.—Members of the Eighth regiment I. N. G., rescued a negro policeman from a crowd that was threatening a lynching last night in Thirty-seventh street, near the Rock Island tracks.

The policeman was Fred Locke, who was appointed recently for strike duty. In trying to escape from a mob he opened fire with his revolver, shooting Julia McHugh, 18 years old. A crowd of several hundred persons surrounded the man, bent on killing him, but the Eighth regiment of soldiers came to his assistance.

About 20 of the negro militiamen were on their way to the Eight regiment armory, preparatory to leaving for their annual encampment at Springfield. They heard the shots that Locke had fired at his pursuers and rushed in the direction whence the sound came. The militiamen were in full uniform and armed with rifles.

Under the Rock Island tracks in Thirty-seventh street the policeman was standing off a mob of men and women and flourishing his revolver. There were cries of "Lynch him!" and he feared for his life. He first fired two shots at his pursuers and one of the bullets struck the McHugh girl, who was standing at the curb 200 feet away. Two more shots were fired by Locke, one of the bullets passing through a man's hat. Finally some of the more desperate men rushed in on Locket from all sides and disarmed him. He was knocked down and tampled upon, and it was at this point that the militiamen arrived with their rifles.

Locke was taken to the hospital where his injuries were dressed and later he was locked up. The girl's injuries are not serious.

The trouble was due to an attempt by Locke to disperse a crowd that was jeering a nonunion teamster.

RACE RIOT IN NEW YORK.

25 Policemen Required to Restore Order—Many Injured.

New York, July 17.—"San Juan Hill," the district bounded by Amsterdam and West End avenues and Sixty-first and Sixty-third streets, so called because of its notoriety as a battleground, was the scene of a furious race riot which required 250 policemen to quell after many shots had been fired and several persons had been seriously injured.

The trouble began when a policeman arrested Edward Connolly for attacking Henry Williams, a negro, and was pursued to the station house with his prisoner, by a mob of Connolly's friends, hurling showers of stones and other missiles. When the station house reserves turned out the whole neighborhood was in an uproar, and blacks and whites engaged in desperate struggles in the streets. Torrents of missiles were hurled from roofs and windows. Within 10 minutes not less than a thousand men, boys and women, black and white, were engaged in a furious combat. The small party of police were powerless and reinforcements were summoned.

In all, seven white and two negroes had their injuries attended to by the ambulance surgeons, but of others less seriously hurt were taken to their homes by friends.

Five whites and six negroes, among them women of both races, almost all of whom bore traces of conflict with the police, were arrested.

A picked body of thirty policemen was detailed to occupy the disturbed region during the night, and assist the police of the precinct.

President Suspends Orders.

Washington, July 17.—Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte has revoked the orders recently issued for the transfer of Civil Engineers J. W. G. Walker and F. R. Harris, from the Charleston, S. C., navy yard to other stations. Soon after the orders were issued they were suspended at the president's direction and an investigation made into the matter of alleged differences between the engineer officers and the contractors for the dock now being built at that yard. Citizens of Charleston forwarded a petition requesting that officers be retained.

Fire Destroys Summer Home.

Lenox, Miss., July 17.—Fire today destroyed the handsome summer residence here known as the Appleton house, owned by Anson Phelps Stokes, of New York, and occupied by Eric B. Dahlgren, of New York. The fire started in the cellar from a cause thus far unknown. Most of the furniture and several valuable paintings were removed. The loss is placed at \$100,000, with insurance of \$75,000. All the members of the Dahlgren family escaped in safety.

SCHOLARSHIP IS SECONDARY.

Well-To-Do Students of Yale Study Society Instead of Books.

New Haven, Conn., July 17.—Dean Wright of the Yale academic department in a report to President Hadley says that one of the worst evils in Yale is the segregation of rich students in expensive dormitories. He said:

"Perhaps the most serious evil connected with this segregation of the well-to-do students is that it is bringing together, especially in the sophomore year, those who aim to form the society sets whose chief purpose in college is popularity and social recognition and to whom for this reason, the claims of scholarship become secondary. So many of the men who have been members of the junior and senior society have remained in these sections that there is more or less prevalent feeling that room there helps one's chances for social advancement and this is undoubtedly true.

"If the social honors of college are to have any value, all men should have an equal chance to gain them. The Yale spirit of fairness is offended when honors are bestowed upon an inferior man, because of wealth or superior location, or the influence of friends, has had an unfair advantage over his fellows."

WANT RECIPROCAL TREATIES.

Merchants' Association Desires Ratification of New Measure.

New York, July 17.—The Merchants' association through its committee on reciprocity treaties, has sent circular letters to some eight thousand business men and trades organizations urging them to use their influence to obtain the negotiation of reciprocal treaties with European nations.

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The influence of business men is asked to urge upon United States senators the importance of the ratification of the reciprocity treaties.

Important changes are about to be made, and have been made in the tariff systems of nearly all of continental Europe and unless some favorable agreements can be made between these nations and the United States, the merchants association fears a disastrous effect upon the export trade of the United States. The circular letters urge the carrying out of the recommendations for reciprocity treaties made by President McKinley in his speech at Buffalo a few days before his assassination.

PRESIDENT ENJOYING HIMSELF.

Secretary Loeb and Wife Will Visit

Yellowstone Park.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 17.—Taking advantage of the beautiful weather President Roosevelt and some members of his family enjoyed an outing today. They left Sagamore hill early and did not return until the afternoon.

Secretary Loeb did not make his usual trip to the president's home until late in the day. No visitors were received by the president during the day and none is expected to arrive tonight. It was reported that Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' association, was to see the president and urge a general investigation of the agricultural department, but thus far no arrangements have been made for his visit.

Secretary and Mrs. Loeb will leave tomorrow on a month's trip to the Yellowstone park and vicinity. In Mr. Loeb's absence Assistant Secretary James N. Barnes will direct the executive work.

Artists Protest Against Decision.

Rome, July 17.—The artists' union at its annual meeting today adopted a resolution protesting against the recent judgment of Justice Leventritt of the supreme court of New York in the case between the Italian sculptor Biondi and the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York, over Biondi's, "The Saturnalia," declaring the decision was against art, justice and truth. The artists in the resolution also appealed to the American artists for solidarity among all men who live by thought and are inspired by the supreme ideals of beauty.

Anti-Trust Law Valid.

Little Rock, Ark., July 17.—The Arkansas anti-trust law was declared valid by the supreme court of the state today, two justices dissenting from the opinion. It is agreed that the effect of the decision will be to shut out from the state all old line insurance companies that maintain a rating agreement, and any trust products sold in the state will be in violation of its terms. The case was carried to the supreme court by the Connecticut Life Insurance company.

Miss Roosevelt Left Ashore.

Honolulu, July 17.—Returning from Waikiki, Miss Roosevelt, Mrs. DuBois, Senator Newlands and Congressman Longworth who were guests of Sheriff Brown, were too late for the steamer Manchuria, which had already left the wharf. They were taken out on a tug which was carrying a large number of citizens to bid the party farewell and were transferred to a launch in the open sea and then carried to the Manchuria.

MAINE IS SHAKEN BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Earth Trembled and a Sound Like Thunder Heard.

SHOCK WAS OF SHORT DURATION

Little Damage Is Reported as the Result of the Convulsion—State Geologist Is Investigating Probable Cause. Shock Felt in New Hampshire.

Portland, Maine, July 17.—A slight earthquake shock at 2:10 a. m. today was followed in a few seconds by a heavier one. No damage was reported. The shocks are said to be heavier than those experienced March 31, 1904. They were reported very severe at Augusta, Bangor, Lewiston, Rockland and Brunswick. Reports from Thomaston say that one shock was felt there shortly after 5 o'clock of about 15 seconds' duration. The state prison and houses at Thomaston were shaken noticeably and dishes and stove-covers rattled.

Bladeford, Saco and Old Orchard, also noticed the shock at 5:05 this morning. The earth trembled and there was a sound like distant thunder. The convulsion was of but a few seconds' duration.

At Bangor there was one long rumble which rattled dishes and shook buildings. State Geologist Leslie A. Lee, of Bowdoin college, said as near as he could judge the tremulous agitation passed from east to west at 5:10 o'clock and was between 7 and 10 seconds' in duration. There is no instrument at Bowdoin for registering the velocity and strength of the convulsion. Professor Lee said it was one of those shocks which is caused by the slipping of rock on the side of a fissure at some considerable depth, probably two or three miles, as a result of long continued strain.

It also could have been stimulated by an explosion of some kind. Professor Lee could not locate from reports received, the center of the shock.

Shock Felt at Concord, N. H.

Concord, N. H., July 17.—An earthquake shock was distinctly felt in this city at 5:10 o'clock this morning. Telegrams from other points show that distinct earthquakes were felt over the southern part of the state at about the same hour.

NEWS FROM MIKADO'S DOMAIN.

Chances for Russian Army Assuming

Aggression Are Diminishing.

Tokio, July 17.—An army officer who has returned from Manchuria says that the expectation that General Linevitch would assume the aggressive is diminishing. The Russians, who formerly conducted the most active reconnaissance, General Linevitch with his staff personally going to the advanced line and discover the position of the Japanese and their strength have ceased and it is believed that General Linevitch's tactics are now to be non-aggressive and entirely on the defensive.

Reports of the existence of epidemics and contagious diseases among the Russians continue to reach the Japanese army.

The Jiji discussing today the substitution of M. Witte, for ambassador, Muraviev says that the recall of the latter recalls his speech at the Hague. The article says:

"The higher standing and long experience of M. Witte and his love of peace improves the situation. Later details from Karsakovsk say that the fire which continued to burn until July 10, practically destroyed the town.

Crusade Against Bucketshops.

New York, July 17.—For a crusade against bucketshops it was reported in brokerage circles yesterday that a movement is on foot among the exchanges of the country for a general conference. The New York exchange, it was learned, may be invited to send a report to the conference which may be held in this city, but it is unlikely that it will take part as its policy is to avoid alliance with other exchanges.

Texas Negro Lynched.

Waco, Tex., July 17.—A report by telephone to the constable's office is to the effect that a negro, supposed to be Frank Majors, was lynched on the Brazos river, 6 miles above Marlin, at sundown. Majors is the negro charged with assaulting Mrs. D. Roberts, near Golindo, Tuesday morning.

Chilean Admiral Touring World.

San Francisco, July 17.—Vice Admiral Jorge Nott has arrived here from Chile on a tour of the world. The admiral's mission abroad is to look into modern naval problems, with the idea of lending assistance in the reconstruction of the Chilean navy. He will sail for the Orient from this city on July 22.

Large Wheat Crop in Kansas.

Tonka, Kans., July 17.—General Freight Agent J. R. Koontz, of the Santa Fe has estimated the Kansas wheat crop for this year to be at least \$2,500,000 bushels. Mr. Koontz states that from the reports being received by him the wheat is being threshed out exceedingly well.

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